





OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE TWELFTH SESSION  
OF THE ATLANTIC MISSION CONFERENCE  
OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
HELD AT ELIZABETH CITY, NORTH CAROLINA  
OCTOBER 22-25, 1908



## CONFERENCE ROLL

Bailey, D. D.	Elder	1902
Bridgers, J. B.	Elder	1897
Chappell, M. L.	Elder	1897
Davis, T. S.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Graham, W. Q. A.	Elder	From Blue Ridge
Lewis, J. J.	Elder	1900
Luther, W. H.	Elder	1899
Flint, W. J.	Elder	1906

## PROBATIONERS

Baines, W. C.	Deacon	1905
Booth, L. N.	Deacon	1907
Graham, W. F.	Deacon	1907
Morris, J. A.	Deacon	1908
Woodell, W. R.	Deacon	1905

## OFFICERS

President: Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D.  
Secretary: W. J. Flint, Morehead City, N. C.  
Statistician: W. Q. A. Graham, Marshallberg, N. C.  
Treasurer: W. H. Luther, Pinners, Va.

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M. L. Chappell, W. H. Luther. J. J. Lewis.



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J. J. Lewis, Laymen; E. H. Davis, B. T.  
Willis, J. H. Lewis.

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L. N. Booth, W. H. Luther.

## CONFERENCE BOARD OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS

T. S. Davis, W. J. Plint, M. L. Piland.

## DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS

1. Who have been received by Transfer, and from what Conferences? None.
2. Who have been Readmitted? None.
3. Who have been Received on Credentials, and from what Churches? None.
4. Who have been Received on Trial? (a) In studies of the First Year. James A. Morris.  
  
(b) In Studies of the Third Year? None.
5. Who have been Continued on Trial? (a) In Studies of the First Year. W. C. Bains.  
  
(b) In Studies of Second Year. W. R. Woodell, W. F. Graham, L. N. Booth.

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(c) In Studies of Third Year. J. H. Garris.

6. Who have been Discontinued? Edw. Johnson.

7. Who have been Admitted into Full Membership?

(a) Elected and Ordained Deacons this Year? None

(b) Elected and Ordained Deacons previously? W. J. Plint.

8. What Members are in Studies of Third Year? W. J. Plint.

9. What Members are in Studies of Fourth Year? None.

10. What Members have Completed the Conference Course of Study? D. D. Baily.

11. What others have been Elected and Ordained Deacons? (a) As Local Preachers. None.  
(b) Under Missionary Rule. None.

12. What others have been Elected and Ordained Elders? (a) As Local Deacons. None.

13. Was the Character of each Preacher Examined? Yes, in open Conference.

14. Who have been Transferred, and to what Conference? Ambrose Burgess, To Baltimore Conference in Studies of the First Year, C. M. Levister, to the Baltimore Conference, John A. Hudson, to the Wilmington and A. B. FitzGerald, to the Neward Conference.

15. Who have Died? None.

16. Who have been Located at their own Request? None.

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17. Who have been Located? None.
18. Who have Withdrawn? None.
19. Who have been permitted to Withdraw under Charges or Complaints? None.
20. Who have been Expelled? None.
21. What other personal Notation should be made? A. J. Pearson and Jas. A. Morris coming from the Free Will Baptist Church were recognized as Deacons.
22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers? J. B. Bridgers.
23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers? None.
24. Who are the Triers of Appeals? W. Q. A. Graham, W. H. Luther, M. L. Chappell, D. D. Baily, and J. J. Lewis.
25. What is the Statistical Report for this Year? See tabulated statement.
26. What is the Aggregate of the Benevolent Collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$263.
27. What are the Claims on the Conference Fund? None.
28. What has been Received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied? \$91 in hands of Treasurer of Conference Relief Fund.
29. Where are the Preachers Stationed?

(These Appointments all in North Carolina, except where otherwise indicated.)

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T. S. Davis, Superintendent, Marshallberg,  
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Elizabeth City	Elizabeth City	E. J. Midget L. N. Booth
Hamlet	Laurinberg	D. D. Baily
Harker's Island	Harkers Island	W. C. Bains
Marshallberg	Marshallberg	To be supplied
Morehead City	Morehead City	W. J. Plint
Ocracoke	Ocracoke	W. F. Graham
Pates	Maxton	Sup'd. by W. L. Moore
Parmeles & Tarboro	Parmeles	M. L. Chappell
Portsmouth & Pinner	Pinner, Va.	W. H. Luther
Rowlands	Elrod	W. R. Woodell
Whaleyville	Whaleyville, Va.	James A. Morris
Wildwood	Grantsboro	J. J. Lewis
Winfall	Chapanoke	J. H. Garriss
W. Q. A. Graham, President, The Graham Collegiate Institute, Marshallberg, Member Marshallberg Quarterly Conference.		

30. Where shall the Next Conference be held?  
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6 FIRST DAY

Thursday, October 22, 1908

The Twelfth Annual Session of the Atlantic Mission Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened in Pearl Street church, Elizabeth City, N. C., October 22, 1908. Bishop Earl Cranston, D. D., presiding.

After singing "Nearer, My God, to Thee!" and prayer, the Bishop read the fifty third chapter of Isaiah. He made very touching and interesting remarks relative to "losing and finding Jesus," especially in connection with the Sacrament of our Lord's Supper.

Assisted by T. S. Davis, the Bishop administered the Holy Communion to the conference and congregation present.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop and the Roll called by the former Secretary.

The following Members responded: W. Q. A. Graham, T. S. Davis, M. L. Chappell, W. H. Luther, J. J. Lewis, D. D. Bailey.

The following Probationers were present: W. C. Baines, W. R. Woodell, W. J. Pint, L. N. Booth, W. F. Graham.

On motion of D. D. Bailey, W. J. Plint was elected Secretary and named W. F. Graham as his Assistant.





On motion of W. H. Luther, W. Q. A. Graham was elected Statistical Secretary and named L. N. Booth as Assistant.

On motion of T. S. Davis, W. H. Luther was elected Conference Treasurer and named D. D. Bailey as his Assistant.

On motion of the Superintendent, the following Committees were appointed:

Foreign Missions; W. H. Luther, W. R. Woodell.

Home Missions and Church Extension; D. D. Baily, W. C. Baines.

Education; W. Q. A. Graham, W. L. Moore.

Freedman's Aid; W. J. Plint, W. F. Graham.

Public Worship; W. J. Plint, T. S. Davis.

Conference Stewards; M. L. Chappell, J. H. Garriis.

Periodicals; L. N. Booth, J. J. Lewis.

Temperance; W. F. Graham, D. D. Bailey.

Auditing; W. J. Plint, W. R. Woodell.

Sunday School; D. D. Bailey, W. Q. A. Graham.

On motion of our Superintendent, the Conference hours were fixed, 9 a. m. to 12 and afternoon sessions as ordered.

W. F. Graham was appointed to canvass for the Methodist Review.

On motion of J. B. Lewis, A. C. B.  
resolutions were adopted relating to the  
annual I. O. O. F. convention.

On motion of J. B. Lewis, A. C. B.  
the elected Committee of the year  
J. B. Lewis, A. C. B.

On motion of the Committee, the  
following resolutions were adopted:

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On motion of T. S. Davis, D. D. Bailey was given charge of the accounts of the Book Concerns.

Question 13 was taken up and the Superintendent was called, his character passed and report of the work under his care given as follows:

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

"Dear Brethren:

To the close of another Conference Year God has brought us on our way, and in presenting this, our second annual report of the work of the Atlantic Mission Conference, we desire to express our gratitude to Almighty God for health and strength and a disposition to do His will.

Although the year with its work has not been as satisfactory as we have wished, and although the financial stringency of the country has been felt no-where in the south more severely than within our bounds, we can, nevertheless, cry with the Psalmist "Bless the Lord, Oh ! my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name."

During the year Bishop Wilson has seen fit to make the following transfers: A. B. Fitzgerald, to the Newark Conference, A. Hudson to the Wilmington Conferences. These removals have had a depressing influence upon the preachers and people, and occurring as they did, in the middle of the Conference year made it impossible for me to find Supplies in time to avert a considerable decrease in the benevolent collections.

We find nothing more discouraging in our field of labor than we have found in the past. There are immortal souls to save, young people to educate, and evil to oppose.



"The field is white unto the harvest but the laborers are few". There are more doors open to us than we have men or means to enter.

#### AVON.

Edward Johnson was appointed to this work last year. It was his second year on this charge and when he took the work soon after Conference adjourned we had great hope that he would do efficient service during the year, but rumor soon had it that he was about to join our sister Church. I immediately wrote to him and he denied having any such intention but claimed that the work was prospering in his hands. He left the work without giving me any notice. I found it practically impossible to supply this charge until sometime in June, when Brother Reindale, a salvation army man, took charge of the work. This circuit will not have a pastor's report this year but it has not been an idle year with them. Repairs have been made on the churches at Hatteras and at the Cape. The benevolences have been looked after, and substantial promises have been made relative to the support of a pastor next year.

#### BLADEN AND THESSALONICA.

W.C. Bains was appointed here last year and while he will not be able to report much success as the result of his labor he has not been idle; he has done a faithful year's work.

#### ELIZABETH CITY.

J.A. Hudson was appointed to this church but was transferred in May and W.J. Plint was shifted here for the remainder of the year. He will make his own report.

#### HAMLET.

W.R. Woodell has been the pastor of this

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charge ever since its organization. He has done excellent work this year. He has received fifty new members, and has organized a new society in two new places. This section affords our church an opportunity of vast dimensions.

#### HARKERS ISLAND .

W.J. Plint was sent to this church by the Bishop and was making considerable advance when he was removed to Elizabeth City in June. Dr. Graham has been preaching here since that time and will report for the charge.

#### MARSHALLBERG.

A.B. FitzGerald was sent as pastor of this church. He only preached once when he announced his transfer. I found it necessary to move L.N. Booth here. He has proven very acceptable to the people and under the conditions brings up a fair report.

#### MOREHEAD CITY.

For the second time D.D. Baily was sent to Morehead City. His report will speak for itself.

#### OCRACOE.

Altho! this charge is situated on an island and the tide has often washed under the parsonage and around the church, we do not hesitate to pronounce this work one of the best charges in our Conference. Amgrose Burgess was sent here last year but he was transferred in April and we once more found it necessary to make a change. I placed W.F. Graham in command and he has done excellent work.

#### PARMELE.

M.L. Chappell has just closed his second





year as the acceptable pastor of this charge. While we would like to pause here he will make his own report.

#### PATES.

This is one of our Indian charges. W.F. Graham was sent there last year but since April the work has been in the hands of W.L. Moore and W.R. Woodell. This field is white unto the harvest and more workers are needed,

#### PINNERS.

W.H. Luther has just closed his second year at this point. He is an able worker and will make his own report.

#### POWELTON.

J.H. Garriss has been the acceptable pastor of this charge for three years.

#### ROWLANDS.

This charge has been supplied by G.W. Stancill.

#### WHALEYVILLE.

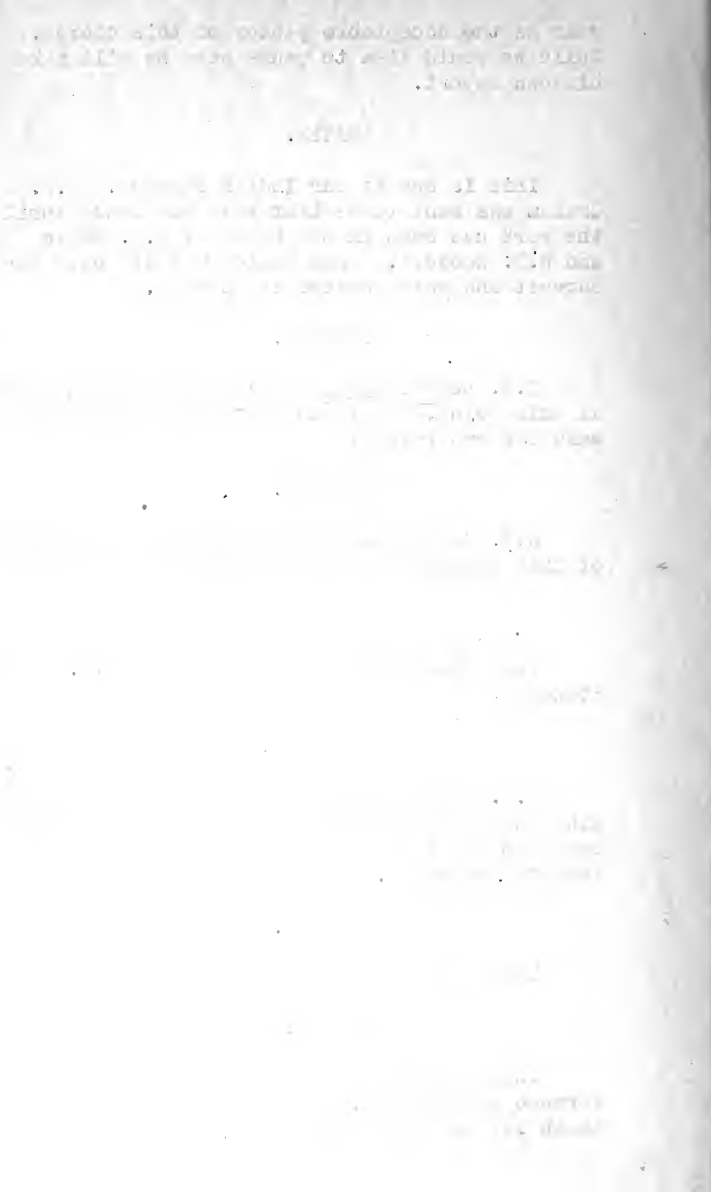
L.N. Booth was sent at last Conference but since he was removed to Marshallberg, the work has been supplied by Joseph Bundy in a very acceptable manner.

#### WILDWOOD.

This work will be represented by J.J.Lewis.

#### WINFALL.

This circuit was supplied at our last Conference by George F. Sever. In June, he was taken ill and was forced to quit. Since then



they have had preaching occasionally by Bundy and Plint.

This closes our list except the work of Dr. Graham as President of the G.C.I. He has done good work and will report."

Question 13 was continued, the following were called, their characters passed and reports given; M.L. Chappell, W.H. Luther, J.J. Lewis, W.C.A. Graham.

Our draft on the Methodist Book Concern for \$91. was ordered made payable to the Conference Treasurer and on motion of W.H. Luther, it was turned over to the Treasurer of the Conference Relief Fund.

On motion of D.D. Bailey, L.N. Booth was nominated and elected as a Trustee of Conference Relief Fund to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of J.A. Hudson.

On motion of T.S. Davis, Conference adjourned.

The Doxology was sung and Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

## SECOND DAY.

Friday, October 23, 1908.

Conference convened at 9 a.m. Bishop Cranston in the chair. After devotional services, the journal of Thursday was read, corrected and approved.

Question 10 was taken up, D.D. Bailey called, his character passed, report given and on motion of T.S. Davis, he was elected to Elder's Orders.

The 5th question was taken up, W.C. Baines



was called, his character passed, report given and on motion of the Superintendent he was continued on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

W.R. Woodell was called, his character passed, report given, the Examiners made report and on motion of T.S. Davis he was continued on Trial and advanced to the Studies of the Second Year conditioned upon Homiletics.

L.N. Booth was called, his character passed, report given, the Examiners made report and on motion of the Superintendent he was continued on Trial and advanced to the studies of the Second year.

W.F. Graham was called, his character passed, report given, the Examiners made report and on motion of the Superintendent he was continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the Second year.

J.H. Garriss was called, his character passed, report given and on motion he was continued on trial in Studies of the Third Year.

The 22nd question was taken up and J.B. Bridgers was called. After remarks by the Superintendent, the Secretary was requested to write him concerning his location asking for his reply by wire. He was continued in the Supernumerary Relation.

Question 4. was then called and upon recommendation of Elizabeth City quarterly Conference, on motion of the Superintendent, James A. Morris was recieved on Trial in the Studies of the First Year.

The 21st question was then asked and on the recommendation of Elizabeth City quarterly Conference, and the motion of the Superintendent, James A. Morris coming from the Free-will Baptist Church was recognized as a Deacon.

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Question 14. The Bishop announced the transfer of A.B. FitzGerald to the Newark Conference, C.M. Levister and A. Burgess to the Baltimore and J.A. Hudson to the Wilmington Conference.

On motion of W.H. Luther under the 6th question, Edward Johnson was discontinued and referred to the Superintendent for trial.

Question 30. was asked and invitations were recieved from Marshallberg, Ocracoke and Parmele. Marshallberg was withdrawn in favor of Parmele which was selected as the place for holding our next session.

Notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and Conference adjourned with Benediction by the Bishop.

### THIRD DAY.

Saturday, October 24, 1908.

Conference convened at 9 a.m. Bishop Cranston in the chair. The journal of Friday was read, corrected and approved.

Disciplinary Question 1,2 and 3 were called, the answer to each being "none."

Question 7 was taken up; W.J. Plint was called, his character passed and report given. The Examiners made report, the Bishop asked him the usual questions and on motion of the Superintendent was admitted into Full Connection and advanced to the Studies of the Third Year.

Questions 9, 10,11,12,15,16,18,19 and 20 were called, the answer to each being "none."

Question 21. On motion of T.S. Davis, Alonzo J. Pierson was recognized as a Deacon upon his Credentials from the Free Will Baptist Church.

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Questions 23 and 27, none.

Question 24 was called and W.Q.A. Graham, J.J. Lewis, D.D. Bailey, W.H. Luther and M.L. Chappell were appointed Triers of Appeals.

Question 28 was taken up and \$91. was reported as applied to Conference Relief Fund.

Reports from the following committees were read and adopted: Freedman's Aid Society, Auditing, Foreign Missions, Education, and Periodicals.

On motion of J.J. Lewis, the Secretary was requested to report the Conference proceedings to the Methodist Advocate Journal of Athens, Tennessee.

On motion of T.S. Davis, the Conference Committees were continued for next year.

W.H. Luther, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Conference Relief Fund reported as follows:

Cash, in Bank.....	\$170.00
Draft on Book Concern,.....	91.00
Note, account G.C.I.....	300.00
Interest on same .....	18.00
Note, account W.Q.A. Graham....	125.00

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Total..... \$704.00

Dr. Graham read his report as President of the Graham Collegiate Institute.

On motion of Dr. Graham the amount of \$56. for the Freedman's Aid Society and \$37. for the Episcopal Fund was ordered apportioned among the various charges.

On motion of W.J. Plint, all cash held by

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the Conference Treasurer for Local Educational Interests was ordered paid to our Conference School.

On motion of W.H. Luther, Conference adjourned until 4 p.m. the Doxology was sung and Benediction pronounced by Rev. B.F. Watson of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

#### Afternoon Session.

After devotional services, the Bishop called the Conference to order at 4 p.m.

The journal of the morning was read, corrected and approved.

On motion of W.H. Luther, the Secretary was authorized to write to J.B. Bridgers requesting him to Locate at our next Conference Session.

The Statistical Secretary read his report. (See reports.) On motion of J.J. Lewis, the report was received and ordered printed.

The Treasurer read his report. (See reports) Upon vote the report was received and ordered printed.

On motion of T.S. Davis, W.Q.A. Graham was awarded the contract to print the Conference Minutes after the Secretary has edited them and every pastor assessed two dollars for the cost of the same.

The Bishop introduced Dr. Baketel who addressed the Conference on the subject of Sunday Schools.

After the address, the Superintendent, W.J. Plint and M.L. Piland were elected a Conference Board of Sunday Schools.

The Bishop appointed W.J. Plint, W.Q.A.



Graham, J.J. Lewis, as ministers: E.H. Davis, B.T. Willis and J.H. Lewis, as laymen, a Conference Board of Home Missions and Church Extension.

Nominations for trustees of the Graham Collegiate Institute were presented and D.D. Bailey and M.L. Pilard were elected as trustees, terms to expire in 1911.

Dr. Race was introduced to the Conference and spoke a few words.

On motion of Dr. Graham, the Board of Trustees of the Graham Collegiate Institute were ordered to send at least two names for each nomination to be presented for election by the Conference.

On motion of T.S. Davis, it was ordered that the vote upon such names be taken by ballot.

On motion of the Superintendent, the pastor at Pinners was accorded the privilege to go without the limits of the Conference to collect funds for the pay-of the debt upon the charge.

Dr. Race presented each pastor with a year's subscription to the Methodist Advocate Journal and the Conference voted its thanks.

The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

On motion of D.D. Bailey, after the reading of the Appointments and Missionary Appropriations at the close of the Ordination Service Sunday, Conference adjourned 'sine die.'

After the Ordination Service, the Missionary Appropriations and Appointments were read.

On motion of J.J. Lewis, a rising vote of

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thanks was tendered the good people of Elizabeth City for their courtesies and entertainment of the Conference.

The following resolution was adopted by standing vote;

Whereas, in the Providence of Almighty God it has been our privilege to have with us as our presiding officer, Bishop Earl Cranston, D.D.; And, whereas, his able address on the subject of Foreign Missions, his entering into our work with such deep sympathy his sermon on the Sabbath and his example among us, has been a source of inspiration; Therefore be it resolved:

That we take this method of expressing our gratitude for his presence and look forward to a time when he may come again and be it further resolved; That we will follow Bishop Cranston in our prayers and crave for him a long and happy life.

W.J. Plint.

M.L. Chappell.

The Doxology was sung and the Benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

Earl Cranston, President.

W.J. Plint, Secretary.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We, your Auditing Committee, having examined the accounts of the Superintendent find them correct.

W.J. Plint.

W R. Woodell.





# MISSIONARY APPROPRIATION FOR 1908.

To the District.....	\$500.00
"Avon.....	50.00
"Elizabeth City.....	250.00
"Hamlet.....	150.00
"Harkers Island.....	130.00
"Marshallberg.....	50.00
"Morehead City.....	200.00
"Ocracoke.....	60.00
"Pates.....	60.00
"Parmele.....	60.00
"Pinnars.....	450.00
"Rowland.....	100.00
"Whaleyville.....	160.00
"Winfall.....	80.00
"Wildwood.....	100.00

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Total	\$240.00
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I approve the appropriation.

Earl Cranston.

## FREEDMAN'S AID SOCIETY.

Our last General Conference divided what was formerly the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society into two separate Boards. The work of the Freedman's Aid Society is to establish and maintain institutions of christian education among the colored people of our connection and is supported by donations, bequests and the contributions of churches.

Each pastor is required to present the claims of this work to each church and congregation under his care, to preach, or cause to be preached at least one sermon upon the subject and take contributions for the support of the cause of the Freedmans Aid Society.

Data and literature concerning the work may be had for the asking from the Secretaries



at Cincinnati and we urge each pastor to thus fortify himself and acquaint his people with the needs of the Freedman's Aid Society.

W.J. Plint.  
W.F. Graham.

## REPORT OF G. C. I.

Dear Brethren:

In submitting this report of my year's work in our school, I am happy to say that some promises and predictions that I made in my report to this body a year ago are being fulfilled and realized. You will remember that I said; "When I took charge of our school it's resurrection seemed almost as difficult as the effort to evolve the protoplasmic germ from the primordial ooze, but last year we regained one fourth of our loss, this year one half, and I expect next year to regain all." I am very happy to be able to claim victory in sight. We now have twice as many in the Boarding Hall, and fully twice as many enrolled as we have had on this date before for a number of years.

Our finances have, of course been affected by the recent, and present, hard times, but the following figures which are as correct as possible, will show that we are slowly nearing the safe side of the ledger, and, with the twenty years of splendid history which we have back of us, we can face the future confident of success.

## RECEIPTS.

From Board of Education.....	\$450.00
Tuition and Boarding Hall.....	574.00
Donations, not including scholar-	
ships.....	240.00
Farm.....	200.00
Loan from Bank.....	100.00
Total.....	\$1564.00



PAID.

To Teachers.....	\$630.00
Boarding Hall.....	460.00
Books.....	33.22
Farm.....	265.00
Expense.....	90.00
Old Indebtedness.....	93.65
Improvements and furnishings...	50.00

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Total. \$1621.87

Liabilities..... \$1442.00

Assets(not including lands or  
furnishings)..... \$1170.00

Respectfully Submitted,

W.Q. A. Graham, Pres.

PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on Periodicals see the great need of our doing more toward the gringing before our people the different publications of our church, and so, urge the pastors of the Atlantic Mission Conference to circulate the literature of the Methodist Episcopal church and to put forth every effort to distribute our church papers, and to place them in every home so that our people may be informed of the work of our church in the South and elsewhere, and thus prove themselves intelligent, loyal Methodists.

L.N. Booth.

J.J. Lewis.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, your committee on Home Missions and Church Extension, realizing the importance of

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the work done by this department of the church in the homeland, and especially in the bounds of our own little conference, wish to urge our pastors to do their uttermost to inform the laity along this line, and induce them to contribute as liberally as possible to the support of this cause.

D.D. Bailey.

W.C. Baines.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, as a home mission body, can readily see the great need of a work strongly aggressive among the people of the world, who sit in darkness and whose hearts crave a peace and comfort which their gods of wood and stone cannot afford. And we understand the necessity of sending them workers who can instruct them how to obtain these blessings.

We therefore recommend that this Conference give attention to the raising of its apportionment for the great cause of Foreign Missions.

W.H. Luther.

W.R. Woodell.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that on Sunday, October 25, 1908, on an election by the Atlantic Mission Conference, the undersigned, assisted by Elders present, duly ordained to the office of Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church, David D. Bailey.

Earl Cranston.

Done at Elizabeth City, N.C.

#### THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The General Conference of 1908 ordered





the dissolution of the consolidated societies known as 'The Board of Education, Freedman's Aid and Sunday Schools,' and provided for the Board of Education. To this Board was committed the maintenance and administration of the schools for the white race in the South, also the work of assisting and maintaining institutions of Christian learning and of promoting the cause of Christian education in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The new trust committed to this Board in the form of the schools white people in the South entitles it to increased attention on the part of this Conference. The special collection asked for this purpose should be taken at the earliest possible moment and forwarded to the Secretary in New York. It is the purpose of the Board to supply this need, in part at least, from the proceeds of the collection taken in the churches on Children's Day. The collection taken in the church congregation on that day is for the aid of our Southern schools.

We have within our own bounds one of the schools under the auspices of this society, the Graham Collegiate Institute. This school has been at work for twenty years and has been a blessing to many of our young people and a strong factor in the accomplishment of whatever good may have been wrought by us in this field. This school is under splendid management at the present time and is worthy of the confidence and support of our people. We ask our people for enlarged liberality towards this institution and we hereby endorse the appeal which the President is making to the benevolently inclined for financial aid in carrying on the work of the school.

W.J. Plint.

W.L. Moore.

